

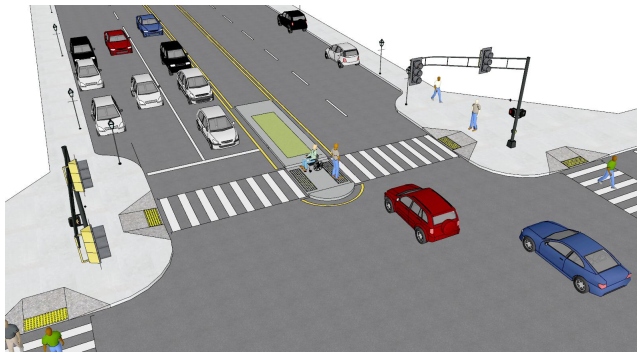
# Our neighbor was killed here

The town of West Hartford values speed over life with street designs. We have a responsibility to fix it.

At the intersection of Main Street and Farmington Ave a driver struck and killed Bob O'Neal. This intersection frequently has many pedestrians waiting on the walk signal (2 minutes and 12 seconds waiting from pressing button at the moment the walk phase counts down to 0 to getting the pedestrian all-way phase, pedestrian all-way phase only lasts 20 seconds). The intersection is so wide, it is impossible to cross diagonally during the pedestrian phase without running. West Hartford Center has a history of touting itself as being safe for pedestrians, but the reality of this intersection with wide turning radii that enables drivers to speed proves it to be dangerous.

On behalf of Bob O'Neal and any future deaths of pedestrians (that will certainly occur if nothing is done to improve the intersection), we are calling on the town of West Hartford to make the following improvements:

- Shorter pedestrian wait times - it can take 5 minutes to cross this intersection diagonally
- Longer walk phase - there is insufficient time for people with limited mobility to make it across the street in the allotted time
- Curb extensions - reduce the distance pedestrians share with cars while crossing, and also reduce turning radii, forcing drivers to slow down when turning



Curb extension example

- Raised crosswalks - raised to sidewalk level, allowing pedestrians a continuous path across the street and function as speed bumps to slow drivers
- Lane reductions to shorten crossing distance
- The same improvements are needed for the intersections one block north and one block south

## You can help!

Comment on the West Hartford Center Infrastructure Plan  
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Write to the West Hartford Engineering Division to demand a safer intersection

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